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Dear Friend Garrison

Please accept of the enclosed Photograph not on account of its value or the worth of its original but as a token of the high estimation in which I hold you personally and the aid your writings and speeches have given me personally, and the benefit I think you have been to the age, the country, and to the world

When I have contemplated your course; a young man devoting his life to so great and unpopular a work and a persistence in the face of so many obstacles for so long a period I am full of admiration

Then your sagacity in the various steps advanced, such as the unmasking the religious world, the constitution &c. so startling at first and yet so necessary my admiration is heightened

When on the other hand if you started low and obscure Mr Phillips if there were any aristocracy of family, wealth or education ~~and ambition for preferment~~

which gave hope of preferment & honor and office he laid all on the altar of the slave, I shall greatly regret to part with the Liberator but must substitute the Standard or the Citizen

There has been certainly the greatest revolution in the past four years the world ever saw Although I look with great fear at the Presidents policy; to the obstacles to a higher, that most of the loyal States refuse suffrage to the negro and cannot *consistently* insist on it in the reconstructed states; that there is so large a portion of the loyal party represented by the N.Y. Times and the whole Copperhead party opposed to justice to the negro yet there is great encouragement in the fact that the great body of the religious world have come round on to the right side; that so much is being done for the negro by Freedmens Associations &c and even by the old N.Y. Tract Society and above all that there is an overruling Providence which has been working wonderfully for the last four years It is wonderful to me that any honest person having faith in justice and right in God, and looking at W. I. emancipation

at Antigua and Bermuda on the one hand,
who fell in with the event and made
the best of it, and Jamaica on the other
hand who made the worst of it and can
see the contrast can for a moment hesitate
which side to take for a single moment
Permit me in conclusion ~~to~~ without any desire
to flatter to say that the slight acquaintance
I have enjoyed with you by your visit here three
years ago to have been among the most
pleasing and profitable incidents of my
life I shall always feel a deep interest in
your welfare and that of your family.
I have heard nothing of Mrs. Garrison's
health for more than a year when I was
in Boston Shall always be glad to hear
from you and highly gratified with
another call

Yours with the highest consideration
and esteem

Benja Chase

Would say that my family are much as when you
were here except wife who is very lame with
rheumatism in her hips